Demands for the revival of Scooter India Limited

1550. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the employees of the Scooter India Limited, Lucknow who have been agitating since January 88 demanding for dropping the privatisation proposal and revival of the company within the public sector, met the Prime Minister on the 14th April, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister had assured them that the matter would be settled soon;

(c) if so, whether the proposal for the sale of this unit to Bajaj Auto Limited has been dropped; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to revive the company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The reaction of the employees of Scooters India Ltd., to the decision of Government on the future of the unit has been taken note of by the Government. At present there is no change in this decision.

Result of Survey Work in Majuri, Assam by ONGC

1551. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has completed its survey work in Majuri, the biggest river island in Assam;

(b) whether the ONGC is hopeful of getting sufficient quantity of crude in that area; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Seismic data acquisition is still in progress, and hydrocarbon potential can be assessed only after total data acquisition and its processing and interpretation.

Setting up of more paper industries

1552. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more paper industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in order to meet the total requirement of paper; and

(b) whether some measures, based on Botanical Research, have been taken by Government to grow some other speedily growing plants to substitute bamboo for making paper pulp?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In addition to the existing installed capacity of 30.14 lakh tonnes at the beginning of 1989, an additional capacity of about 13.55 lakh tonnes for manufacture of paper and paper board has been approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent and registration.

(b) In the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, work has been carried out to find the suitability of other fast growing species as a source of pulp for pulp industries Species of Poplar and Eucalyptus have been found suitable for pulp.

Compensation to the Agriculturists in Duliajan by the Oil India Limited

1553. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of some agriculturists in Duliajan area